



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of Markus Heil et al.

Serial No.: 09/965,708

Group Art Unit: 1626

Filed: September 26, 2001

Examiner: Sonya N. Wright

For: PHENOXYPHENYL ALKANESULPHONATES

RECEIVED
AUG 05 2003
TECH CENTER 290

CERTIFICATION OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any papers referred to as attached are being deposited, on the date shown below, with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: July 31, 2003

Susan M. Pellegrino
Susan M. Pellegrino

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2003 (Paper No. 9) for one (1) month from June 30, 2003 to July 31, 2003. Please charge the fee for the one-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-3372.

A Request for Continued Examination is also being filed to continue prosecution of the pending application in light of the proposed amendments.

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please amend claims 1 and 12, as shown in the attached sheets (pages 5-8 of this amendment).